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SUBJECT: CROATIAN OFFICIAL CALLS ON ARCHBISHOP KUCHARIC OF ZAGREB

REF: A) ZAGREB A-64, 6/19/75; B) ZAGREB A-37, 3/3/75

1. JUNE 17 ZAGREB PRESS CARRIED TANJUG ITEM WHICH REPORTED THAT IVAN LALIC, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION FOR RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS OF THE CROATIAN SABOR, "RETURNED" THE VISIT OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF ZAGREB, FRANJO KUCHARIC. ACCORDING TO THE TANJUG REPORT, THEY DISCUSSED "MUTUAL EFFORTS" TO OVERCOME "PROBLEMS WHICH ARE APPEARING" IN CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS.

2. COMMENT: THE "PAVLISIC AFFAIR" (BISHOP OF RIJEKA) WAS PROBABLY ONE OF THE "PROBLEMS" WHICH ARCHBISHOP KUCHARIC AND LALIC DISCUSSED. THEIR MEETINGS, AND THE LANGUAGE OF THE PRESS ITEM SUGGEST THAT CONTACTS BETWEEN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND CROATIAN AUTHORITIES REPORTED IN REF B ARE DEVELOPING. WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY PRESS COVERAGE OF ARCHBISHOP KUCHARIC'S EARLIER CALL UPON LALIC.
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